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E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJ: FAREWELL CALL ON FOREIGN MINISTER

1. DURING FAREWELL CALL ON MIN. FORN. AFFS. KEUTCHA, HE EXPRESSED INTEREST IN MY VIEWS OF PODGORYN AND OWEN TRIPS TO AFRICA AND RECENT STATEMENTS OF AMBASSADOR YOUNG. KEUTCHA WAS SOMEWHAT DISMAYED BY LATTER'S REMARKS ABOUT AMERICANS' PARANOIA ABOUT "A FEW OR A FEW THOUSAND COMMUNISTS" IN AFRICA, WHICH I TRIED TO PUT INTO PROPER PERSPECTIVE. HE SEEMED TO UNDERSTAND BUT SAID THAT CAMEROON, WHICH HAS TO FACE CUBAN TROOPS IN NEIGHBORING CONGO AND EQUATORIAL GUINEA, NECESSARILY HAS DIFFERENT PERSPECTIVE.

2. AS ON EARLIER OCCASIONS, FOR EXAMPLE SENATE CUT-OFF OF US ASSISTANCE TO FNLA AND UNITA, KEUTCHA EXPRESSED RESIGNED PUZZLEMENT OVER "VERY DEMOCRATIC CHARACTER" OF US GOVERNMENT. (FYI: AT VERY INFORMAL FAREWELL LUNC EON GIVEN US BY DEPUTY CHIEF OF PROTOCOL FRANCIS NKWEN APRIL 24, CHRISTOPHER NSAHLAI, CHARGE DES MISSIONS IN PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE, TOLD ME THAT GURC IS CONVINCED CAMEROON WOULD BECOME NEXT TARGET OF SOVIETS IF EFFORTS TO OVERTHROW PRESIDENT MOBUTU SHOULD SUCCEED. END FYI).

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3. COMMENT: MY EFFORTS TO EXPLAIN VERY DEMOCRATIC US CONSTITUTIONAL AND POLITICAL PROCESSES WILL OF COURSE CONTINUE UNTIL MY DEPARTURE. DESPITE MY QUALIFICATIONS, I HAVE NOT ALWAYS BEEN ENTIRELY SUCCESSFUL, AS PRECEDING PARA SHOWS. NEVERTHELESS, IT WAS ENCOURAGING TO HAVE KEUTCHA ACKNOWLEDGE ON HIS OWN INITIATIVE THAT I, AS STUDENT OF POLITICA, HAD MANAGED TO ENGAGE US POLITICAL WILL IN IMPROVING US-CAMEROONIAN RELATIONS SO THAT

MY EQUALLY WELL BUT DIFFERENTLY QUALIFIED SUCCESSOR WOULD HAVE
TASK OF CONSOLIDATING GAINS.
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